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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESSURE ESTIMATION USING SUBHARMONIC SIGNALS FROM MICROBUBBLE-BASED CONTRAST

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed March 16, 2000 (Paper

No. 2), please enter the Amendment in the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND Claims 1 to 5 as follows:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of measuring pressure [changes] in a mammal, comprising:

[application] <u>administration</u> of a <u>diagnostically effective amount of a</u> contrast agent containing microbubbles into said mammal;

applying an ultrasound system [with analog or digital filtering for detecting said microbubbles, said ultrasound system capable of] said ultrasound system transmitting at least one ultrasound detection signal and [capable of]

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